

Application Serial No. 10/030,747
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rejections.

The Applicant's invention as claimed is distinguishable from the inventions disclosed in the cited references. None of the cited references disclose or suggest, the claimed feature of allowing the subscriber to pre-select various numbers that a calling party, after first dialing into the system, can choose from and connect to without requiring the calling party to hang up and call separately.

In the Office Action, the rejection states that "Dugan does not disclose, if the caller is determined to be a visitor, the second communications link may be used by the visitor to attempt to connect the visitor to one of a limited number of addresses pre-selected by the client". The rejection finds these features in Myer (column 6, line 53 to column 7, line 10 and Fig 5B of Myer).

Figure 5B of Myer and the related description at column 6, line 53 to column 7, line 10 describes a scenario where a caller makes a call to a telephone number that is served by the switch illustrated at Figure 2. It is noted that this switch can provide two levels of service depending upon the level of subscription of the subscriber. It can provide a regular two-way wireless telephone service to normal subscribers and it can provide a special two-way paging service to subscribers of that service. Both services are directed to a common handset which is illustrated at Figure 3. The handset can make and receive voice calls and can send and receive alphanumeric messages. If the switch determines that the number being called relates to a subscriber of the two-way paging service then the calling party is provided with paging main menu 580. This menu prompts the caller to select to speak to the subscriber or to leave messages for the subscriber. It does not offer a choice of addresses as all of the options are intended to reach the same subscriber. Further, the options provided to the caller are not "pre-selected by the client (the subscriber)" rather, they are preset by the operator of the system and are not configurable by their subscriber.

Therefore, Myer does not disclose that the subscriber can choose pre-selected numbers, nor does it disclose that another call can be made to a different number after first dialing into a system, as claimed; rather it discloses that the calling party is provided with a paging main menu of pre-set options that prompts the calling party to speak to the subscriber or to leave a message for the subscriber.

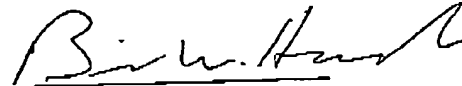
In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding rejections are

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considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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